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SUBJECT: 32ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES:

COMMENTS ON DRAFT AGENDA

COPENHAGEN FOR DI PALMA

1. COMMENTS ON REPORTS COVERING THE TOPICS IN THE AGENDA:

NON-TARIFF IMPEDIMENTS TO TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

(FI/135). WE AGREE WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT "NON-TARIFF
IMPEDIMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN FISHERIES PRODUCE
CAN BE SERIOUS AND IN MANY INSTANCES HAVE LED TO EXTRA
EXPENSE AND EVEN, OCCASIONALLY, FINANCIAL LOSS FOR THE
EXPORTERS". INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN FISHERIES PRODUCTS IS

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GROWING AND ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCH TRADE, WHETHER TARIFF

OR NON-TARIFF, NEED TO BE CATALOGUED AND ANALYZED. THE CATALOGUING WILL INFORM MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE KINDS OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS THAT EXIST AND THE ANALYSIS WILL TELL THEM THE IMPACT THESE BARRIERS HAVE ON TRADE FLOWS. WE THEREFORE AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION BY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS "SUPPLY AN UP-TO-DATE SITUATION REPORT DESCRIBING THE TYPE, INFLUENCE AND GRAVITY OF THE MAIN BARRIERS". HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE "INFLUENCE" PART OF THE SITUATION REPORTS, THAT IS AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS RATHER THAN JUST OBTAINING A LIST OF BARRIERS AS WAS DONE IN 1967.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY: (FI/138). DID NOT RECEIVE.

INTERNATIONAL DEMAND FOR FISHERIES PRODUCTS: (FI/137). WE FOUND THIS INTERIM REPORT TO BE INTERESTING AND USEFUL, ALTHOUGH WE DID HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE REPORT. HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE THE COMMITTEE TO FINISH THE STUDY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE RESERVE SPECIFIC COMMENTS UNTIL THE STUDY IS COMPLETED AND THE REPORT IS PREPARED.

REVIEW OF FISHERIES 1973: (FI/133). NO COMMENT.

ANIMAL FEED MARKET--FISH MEAL: (FI/134) AGR (73), AGR (73) 34). NO COMMENT.

PROGRESS REPORT ON FISHING FLEET STATISTICS: (FI/139). DID NOT RECEIVE.

SYMPOSIUM ON FISHERIES ECONOMICS 1974: (FI/132). WE CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A SYMPOSIUM ON FISHERIES ECONOMICS IN 1974, AND WITH THE NEED TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF SUCH A SYMPOSIUM. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE THAT THE NUMBER OF PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED BE LIMITED TO 20, ONLY THAT THE SCOPE OF THE SYMPOSIUM BE LIMITED. THE NUMBER OF PAPERS SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED ONLY AFTER THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE DECIDED AND PAPERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED COVERING EACH OF THE TOPICS. THE PROPOSED SESSION TOPICS APPEAR TO US TO BE TOO DIVERSE AND INSUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC. IT MAY BE MORE USEFUL TO DEVOTE 1 DAY DEFINING THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF COASTAL FISHERIES BRINGING OUT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED, SPENDING 2 TO 3 DAYS ON DISCUSSING ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN

OR PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED TO ALLEVIATE OR SOLVE THE PROBLEMS, AND A FINAL DAY TO SUMMARIZE. THE ACTIONS OF PROGRAMS COULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER THE GENERAL CATEGORIES OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. TOPICS SUCH AS FINANCIAL AID, TRAINING, AND COOPERATIVES COULD BE TREATED UNDER EITHER OF THESE MAJOR HEADINGS. WE DON'T FEEL THIS CHANGES THE INTENDED CHARACTER OF THE SYMPOSIUM, BUT FEEL IT DOES GIVE BETTER FOCUS AND REDUCES THE CHANCE OF HAVING A COLLECTION OF UNRELATED PAPERS. THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM, I.E., DEFINING THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF COASTAL FISHERIES AND DEVELOPING THE FRAMEWORK FOR DEFINING PROBLEMS WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OECD STAFF. THE OECD STAFF WOULD ASK FOR PAPERS OUT-

LINING ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE AND SPECIFYING PROBLEMS AND PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST DAY FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES IN THE SPRING OF 1974. PAPERS WOULD THEN BE REQUESTED ADDRESSING THEMSELVES TO ACTIONS OR PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE OR SOLVE THE STATED PROBLEMS. IT MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK AND AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF FAO ON THE WORKING GROUP.

2. A DISCUSSION OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FISHERY ECONOMICS PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY WARRANTS COMMENDATION BECAUSE IT INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT. HOWEVER, HE BIBLIOGRAPHY COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MORE ENTRIES FROM THE UNITED STATES. KISSINGER

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